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Executive Assistant SI

Inquiry from 00 Field Office

C B 1. If practicable we would appreciate your field office making inquiry of [redacted], Head of Department of Pharmacology, [redacted] Medical School, as follows:

a. What are the common uses of nicotinic acid for medical or therapeutic purposes? (A brief concise summary of the circumstances under which it may be used and the affect obtained is wanted).

C b. Does [redacted] have any knowledge of past or present research on nicotinic acid for purposes other than stated above or for developing nicotinic acid either independently or in combination with other substances to produce mental or psycho-chemical effects. (A brief summary of anything significant in this direction is wanted.)

2. While this subject is rather sensitive it is believed that a name check and clearance through Confidential of the source will be adequate. The 00 field office should be instructed to treat the inquiry with discretion and to ask C [redacted] not to reveal CIA's interest in the matter.

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